तथा वैशाली शामिल हैं। जैन स्थलों के लिए कोई विशिष्ट योजना नहीं है।

Private airlines operating on domestic routes

*493. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of private airlines which are currently operating on domestic routes in India;

(b) what is the proportion of commercial business transacted by private airlines and the Indian Airlines; and

(c) whether Government have worked out the projected figures of increase in air traffic due to introduction of private airlines?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Seven air taxi operators are currently operating in the country.

(b) The proportion of commercial business transacted by air taxi operators, compared to Indian Airlines, is very small.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Private agency system for postal services

*494. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to introduce private agency system for postal services so that every village in the country can have a small post office;

(b) if so, what are the details of such proposal;

(c) whether the agency system has already been tried in any State; and

(d) if so, what have been the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (d) There is no proposal under consideration of the Government to introduce any private agency system so that every village in the country has a post office.

However, the Government had launched a scheme of Licensed Postal Agents in urban areas in 1985 to sell stamps and to accept Registered Letters in addition to ordinary mail. The scheme was however discontinued from August, 1987. These Licensed Postal Agents were established in areas where no departmental post office could be opened due to the ban then in force. We have 187 such LPAs still working with us, who were appointed before 1987.

The Government have also experimented with the Panchayat Dak Sewak Scheme in 39 districts of India in 1988. In this scheme, a person selected by the local Panchayat was authorised to deliver the dak in the Panchayat village and he was paid an allowance of Rs. 150/- per month. His duty was to deliver the ordinary mail, to sell postage stamps and collect registered and ordinary mail from the people in his jurisdiction. Since the scheme was not popular and the Panchayat Dak Sewak was not able to generate much business or enthusiam the scheme was withdrawn from 1.7.1991.

Recruitment of Hindi Translator in National Airport Authority

*495. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that application were recently invited from the employees working in the National Airport Authority (Headquarter), New Delhi for the post of Hindi Translator in the pay scale of Rs. 1400-2600;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the post is reserved for Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribes or others; and

(d) what are the reasons for not inviting applications from the subordinate offices of the National Airport Authority?